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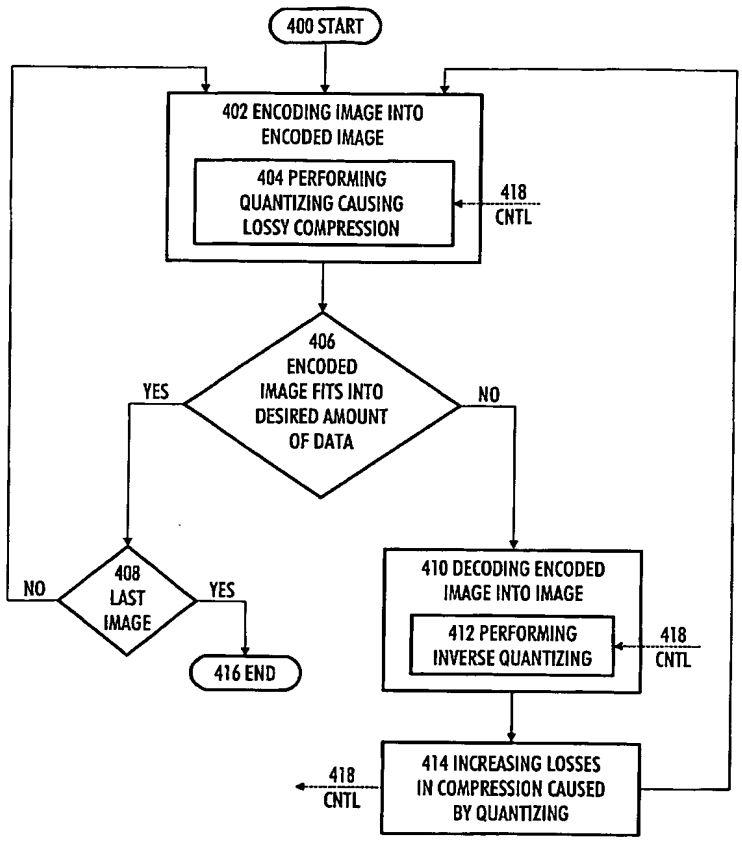

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method, device, and computer program on a carrier for encoding a digital image. Until the encoded image fits into a desired amount of data, the method repeats: encoding (402) the image into an encoded image, the encoding comprising quantizing (404) causing lossy compression; decoding (410) the encoded image into an image, the decoding comprising inverse quantizing (412); and increasing (414) the losses in compression caused by the quantizing.

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